

the outlay of Rs. 807 crores approved for 1991-92.

SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: What are the main proposals submitted by the State Government to be included in the Eighth Plan, whether all proposals of the State Government are accepted by the Central Government, and what are the proposals not accepted?

SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ: The State Government requested for an outlay of Rs. 913 crores and it has been agreed to.

SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: In view of the inflation and devaluation of the rupee, 13.1 per cent is very low as compared to the last year's outlay and it becomes much less after the devaluation of the rupee. So, it is necessary to increase the outlay at least by 30 per cent for 1992-93. In view of the financial constraint of the Kerala Government, will the Government increase its share if the Government of Kerala makes a request to that effect?

SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ: So far as the increase is concerned, it is 13.1 per cent and considering the devaluation, there may not be much increase, I agree. But if you consider the last year's expenditure the outlay revised by the Kerala Government is now Rs. 620 crores; that is the latest information. So, the increase will be rather more than 13.1 per cent. But the Plan was discussed thoroughly with the State and they have agreed to the allocation.

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA: I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Annual Plan for this year is finalised on the basis of the Gadgil Formula or the Modified Gadgil Formula.

SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ: This is not in accordance with the Gadgil Formula. A revised Mukherjee Formula has been used this time.

SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: I want to know from the hon. Minister whether the details of the Eighth Five Year Plan for Kerala

have been finalised and when is it to be completed.

SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ: As I submitted earlier, the Eighth Five Year Plan is still to be finalised. Only the Annual Plan has been finalised and we are having discussions. The Eighth Plan will have to be discussed in the next meeting of the National Development Council which is going to be held perhaps in the month of May.

SHRI E. AHAMED: The hon. Minister was pleased to inform the House that the Government of India now accepted the Mukherjee Formula. We know about Gadgil Formula and the Revised Gadgil Formula. Will the hon. Minister please explain to the House what is the difference between the Revised Gadgil Formula and the Mukherjee Formula?

SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ: As a matter of fact, whether it is Gadgil formula, consensus formula and now Mukherjee formula, there is no substantial difference. Now the latest distribution of central assistance will be, population 60 per cent, per capita income 25/- including 5 per cent on distance method and 20 per cent on deviation method and performance is 7.50 per cent ... (Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Anyway the main question is on Kerala and not on formula.

Coal Based Industries

*596. **SHRI ANIL BASU:**
SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering any proposal for setting up coal based industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any request in this regard from the Governments of West Bengal and Bihar; and

(d) if so, the response of the Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. YAMALOUDE): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b). Coal is an essential input as well as feed stock for a large number of industries both in the core sector as well as in the non-core sector. Power sector alone consumes about 60% of the total coal production in India, followed by steel, cement and a large number of other industries. According to Planning Commission estimates, the demand of raw coal is expected to increase from the current level of about 235 million tonnes to 309.20 million tonnes in the terminal year of 8th Five Year Plan (1996-97). This increase in demand of

coal reflects the projected growth pattern in the downstream consuming sectors.

(c) and (d). Government of West Bengal had written to the Ministry of Coal in October, 1991 emphasising about the development of coal based industries in Asansol-Raniganj coal belt. In response to this, the State Government has been informed that the concerned Department/Agency of the State Government may interact with Eastern Coal fields Ltd. and formulate schemes for development of ancillary industries. Besides, proposals for setting up of thermal power stations, cement plants, sponge iron plants, etc. in the States of West Bengal and Bihar have also been received in the Ministry of Coal.

Coal linkage for the following thermal power stations in Bihar and West Bengal have been agreed to :

(1)	Gauripur (replacement) (2x67.5 MW)	:	West Bengal
(2)	Budge-Budge (2x250 MW)	:	West Bengal
(3)	Sagardighi (2x250 MW)	:	West Bengal (agreed in principal)
(4)	Chandil (2x259 MW)	:	Bihar
(5)	Muzaffarpur ((2x250 MW)	:	Bihar (agreed in principal)

In addition to a number of smaller units like Special Smokeless Fuel and briquetting plants, coal linkages for one cement plant (expansion) and two sponge iron project in Bihar have also been agreed to.

SHRI ANIL BASU: Sir, I seek your protection because my question has not been replied at all. My question was on coal based industries. But the Minister has replied on coal consumed industries, industries which consume coal...(Interruptions) it is a big

answer. The whole answer is about consumption of coal by different industries. But my question was regarding coal based industries, industries which use coal as a raw material.

Sir, you are well aware that our country has a big reserve of coal. But this coal is not being utilised properly. I want to say that we are wasting this national asset. Coal is used as fuel in many industries, in core sector and non-core sector. As raw material, coal would

be used for production of various products and by-products. And there is a vast potential in this regard.

I wish to know from the hon. Minister, whether the Government of India has any understanding on coal based industries, not on coal consumed industries. On coal based industries, do you have any understanding? Do you have the information that coal can be produced? That technology has developed. I want to know whether the Government of India is contemplating to use this technology for production of oil in the country.

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): Sir, I am glad that the hon. Member has rightly said about what the Coal Ministry or the coal industry is doing. Actually, everyone knows that coal is a basic raw material for our economic development. Although the Member may not wish me to repeat what he has said, the main responsibility of the coal industry is to meet the requirement of the core sector and the non-core sector. The whole question is about coal based industries. On the coal based industry, actually it is not for the coal industry itself to deviate from its basic responsibilities but.... (*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI NITISH KUMAR: Mr. Speaker, Sir, this should be postponed as the hon. Minister has not at all come prepared. The manner in which he is replying... (*Interruptions*) it is in public interest, hence it should be postponed and replied tomorrow. (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Sir, the question is very clear and it is about coal based industry. The Minister is talking of linking coal with other industries. The question is about coal based industry... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: The question is about coal based industry, and not about the thermal power plants which are

using coal... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Sir, you can guide the Minister very well because this is highly a technical question... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: The coal Minister, Shri Sangma, should come and reply. He should be here... (*Interruptions*)

The Coal Minister should reply. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF: If they permit me, I can answer. If they do not permit me what can I do? (*Interruptions*). About the suggestion of production of oil, it is being examined. It is very cost prohibitive. So, it is not possible. But in any case, we have told the West Bengal Government....

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Minister, I think this is a question which need not be replied to by the Minister dealing with the production of coal as such. This is a question which has to be replied to by the Minister of Industry. You may not be having all the information that you need to reply. I can understand your difficulties. You may not be having ...

SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF: I can offer whatever I have. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I think, we will deal with this question in a proper manner. I am stopping it here. I will apply my mind to it. It should not have gone to your Ministry; it should have gone to some other Ministry.

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

MR. SPEAKER: Please be seated. Now, let others may also ask questions.

[*English*]

SHRI ANIL BASU: Kindly protect my right.

MR. SPEAKER: I said that I will look into it.